Rs. 412 crore from the Sugar Development Fund. An additional amount of Rs. 374 crore would be released by banks on account of the buffer stock.

**Foodgrains f or PDS**

† 694. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains required for distribution under PDS for the families living below and above poverty line in various States, particularly, in Bihar and Jharkhand during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the quantity demanded, allocated and actual offtake by the said States during the above period;

(c) the actual price of the foodgrains during the said period and the price at which these foodgrains were provided to the families living Below Poverty Line; and

(d) the positions of FCI with regard to profit and loss in the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) The present total allocation of foodgrains {APL, BPL and Antyodaya families) in various States is 28.78 lakh tonnes of rice and 30.53 lakh tonnes of wheat per month under the Targeted Public Distribution System.

The quantity of foodgrains allotted to Bihar and Jharkhand during last three years, year-wise and quantity lifted by these States are as under:—

*(Quantity in* '000 *tones)*

| | | Allocatior 1 | | Offtake | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | BPL | APL | BPL | APL |
| 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1999-2000 | Wheat | | | | |
| | Rice | 618.480 | 242.560 | 641.930 | 17.080 |
| Bihar | | 412.320 | 95.040 | 234.350 | 2.220 |
| Jharkhand | | | | | |

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | | | | | |
| Bihar | Wheat | 1126.260 | 129.908 | 428.651 | 1.081 |
| | Rice | 750.840 | 86.604 | 131.445 | 1.032 |
| Jharkhand | Wheat | 110.700 | 12.652 | 72.526 | 0.067 |
| | Rice | 73.800 | 8.436 | 14.150 | 0.120 |
| 2001-2002 | | | | | |
| Bihar | Wheat | 1164.501 | 104.604 | 313.475 | 0.325 |
| | Rice | 656.370 | 69.732 | 64.639 | 0.686 |
| Jharkhand | Wheat | 340.491 | 37.956 | 152.531 | 0.861 |
| | Rice | 227.000 | 25.308 | 76.529 | 5.609 |

(c) and (d) The economic cost of foodgrains of FCI during last three years are as under:

| | (Rs. per quintal) | (Provisional) |
|---|---|---|
| | Rice | Wheat |
| 1999-2000 | 1074.80 | 887.51 |
| 2000-2001 | 1180.47 | 858.26 |
| 2001-2002 | 1204.35 | 871.30 |

Central Issue Price of wheat and rice issued under TPDS to BPL category w.e.f. 25.7.2000 are Rs. 415/- per quintal and Rs. 565/- per quintal respectively. The difference between the economic cost and the Central issue price of foodgrains is reimbursed to FCI through food subsidy by the Government. This is not a profit or loss making operation.

**Withdrawal of** rice **from FCI godowns**

1695. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has proposed to the Centre that it should be allowed withdrawal of rice from the Food Corporation of India godowns within the State; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?